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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION RECEIVED APRIL 3, 2006 -- AMENDMENT

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

Claims 1 and 10 have been rewritten to incorporate the features of claims 4 and
5 14, to distinguish them from prior art cited by the examiner. Claims 4 and 14 have been
cancelled. All other claims now depend from revised claims 1 and 10.

Paragraph 18 of the specification has been substantively amended to address
examiner's 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection grounds.

A new Figure 2 has been added showing the two ropes of the second
10 embodiment of the invention. Existing Figures 2-6 have been renumbered 3-7. All sheets
have been renumbered 1/7 through 7/7 accordingly.